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# Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Filing Date	August 2, 1999
Examiner Name	Falk, Anne-Marie
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Art Unit	1632
Attorney Docket Number	021234-000100US

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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In re application of:

PING KUEN LAM, et al.

Application No.: 09/365,677

Filed: August 2, 1999

For: MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR  
ENGRAFTMENT OF A COMPOSITE  
BIOCOMPATIBLE SKIN GRAFT ON  
THE NEODERMIS OF ARTIFICIAL  
SKIN

Examiner: Falk, Anne Marie

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 27, 2002, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination with the following Amendments and Remarks and respectfully request their entry and consideration.

Applicants have also filed an IDS and a petition for an extension of time to the present date with payment of the appropriate fees.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.